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## **Gilbert Announces Appointment to Bottle Bill Recycling Task Force**

*Group Will Review Current Program, Suggest Changes to Legislature*

(LANSING) – State Senator Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, today announced his appointment to the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force. The task force will review Michigan’s bottle deposit law and issue recommendations on proposed changes to the Legislature in September.

“It is my hope that we as a task force can come together to assess the current program and make recommendations that will positively impact the way Michigan’s recycling program is structured,” Gilbert said. “It is incumbent that our Great Lakes, inland streams and natural resources are protected for future generations to enjoy.”

Michigan has not reviewed or updated the bottle deposit law since 1976, and is considered to have one of the worst recycling programs in the nation. The task force will conduct hearings to determine if the voter-initiated law needs to be improved, expanded or addressed with new recycling programs.

The task force will hold approximately six to eight hearings across the state beginning in February, with a schedule of hearings to be announced in the coming weeks.